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The Honorable Robert C. Byrd United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Byrd:

Thank you for your letter of January 20, 2010, to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), forwarding correspondence from your constituent, Mr. Herbert R. Thompson, expressing his interest in the pending rulemaking governing the management of coal combustion residuals.

EPA is evaluating the issues Mr. Thompson raised as part of our rulemaking process on the management of coal combustion residuals. EPA expects to issue the proposal in the near future. We appreciate your constituent's interest and input. We will consider his comments and include them in the docket for this rulemaking.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may call Raquel Snyder, in EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, at (202) 564-9586.

Sincerely

Mathy Stanislaus

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